

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

October 3, 2005
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Rudy Plager

Agenda Addition:

Dale Cantrell, Medical Benefits @ 8:45 a.m.

Medical Benefits – Non-Union

Medical Benefits Chairman presented the Committee recommendation to retain the current medical cap at \$465.00 per month. A spreadsheet noting Adams County Non-Union Preliminary Employee Paid Medical/Dental Premiums – 2006 was presented. This same document will be shared during the Benefits meetings scheduled October 12-13, 2005.

An HRA VEBA plan pamphlet was given to the Board. This same document will be distributed to the employees during the mid-October meetings with formal presentation by the representative and discussion at a later date to be scheduled.

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Executive Session

Executive session was called by Special Counsel Werst under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Public Defender litigation – for 35 minutes. Session was held from 9:27 a.m. until 10:01 a.m.

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Special Counsel Werst extended Executive Session for an additional 30 minutes. Session was held from 10:02 a.m. until 10:26 a.m.

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Public Defender Contract Negotiations (2006-2009)

The Board entered into negotiations with Chris Bajalcaliev, Attorney, and Dennis Lewellen, Attorney, for the 2006-2009 Adams County Public Defender Contract.

Judges Hille, Brueher, and Miller were present and participated in discussions. Sheriff Barger and Superior Court Clerk Gibler were present.

The attorneys clarified the following:

- They were aware that Adams County had two District Courts;
- Their proposal included Support Enforcement matters
- Their arrangement for handling conflicts (Bajalcaliev and Lewellen each have their own private practice and therefore able to handle two conflicts; two additional conflicts will be covered under their contract with a fifth conflict being the responsibility of the county)
- An office would be opened in Ritzville with staff
- The proposal does not include a separate cost for handling juvenile matters; Judge Miller discussed the procedure currently used for handling these cases
- Terms for early contract termination will be further discussed and included in the new contract but preference is for deletion of the “arbitration clause”
- They were aware of the case load standards set by the American Bar Association
- Reviewed 2007 State funding available for public defenders to handle child dependency and termination cases and discussed modifications to the contract at that time

Resumes for the two “conflict” attorneys will be sent to the judges for review. Chairman Stevens requested a final meeting with Judges Hille, Brueher and Miller to address any additional concerns before making their formal award of the public defender contract.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Assessor

- noted a decrease in the budget since the department had purchased their own copier (paper and maintenance contract continue to be an expense) and since Terra Scan costs had been transferred to Central Services
- reviewed staffing responsibilities
- noted travel funds requested adequate unless mileage reimbursement rate exceeds .485
- has entered into discussions with Planning Department to mesh Planning and Assessor Office needs under GIS

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Ritzville District Court

- noted slight decrease in filings and approximately \$65,000 decrease in filings from previous year at this time
- discussed new laws affecting the court
- reviewed current staff and their responsibilities
- noted document/case file scanning was current

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Criminal Justice

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-73-05 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund #105A to the Criminal Justice Fund #105.***
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda.* **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of September 26 and 28, 2005

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	055053-055097	\$ 9,875.82

001	Hand Pay	\$ 800.00
103	055098-055102	\$ 910.10
105	055103-055107	\$20,359.62
108	055108-055117	\$ 8,617.09
112	055118	\$ 12.75
117	055119-055124	\$ 1,356.35
166	055125-055129	\$ 304.31
502	055130-055133	\$ 1,473.32
115	4042-4049	\$ 7,766.34
122	4050-4051	\$ 400.00
401	4052-4055	\$ 3,102.16
501	4056	\$ 35.07
590	4057-4066	\$ 5,321.00
	TOTAL	\$60,333.93

Declared Commissioner Department property surplus to be junked
(Inventory #'s 3020, 3022, 3023, 2934, 2937, 2938, 2944)

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Medical Benefits – Non-Union

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *amend the motion made Wednesday, September 21, 2005, approving medical benefits for non-union personnel to reflect that Departments would continue paying \$465 per employee per month with the difference between either of the Aetna Plans' premium to go into an employee VEBA account.* **Motion carried.**

This amended motion eliminates the composite pooling option that would have paid for a portion of dependent medical coverage.

2006 Budget Review Session

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Prosecuting Attorney

- noted increased interpreter costs
- will verify accuracy of 2005 postings related to car rentals/leases v. travel categories
- noted that caseload is heavy for all attorneys and discussed the need to address the growing responsibilities for staff
- reviewed his request for an additional deputy prosecutor pursuant to an expansion of the local comprehensive crime victim's

assistance program and noted that fifty percent of the costs of a new position would be funded through additional revenue transferred from the local crime victim's compensation fund with the remainder of the position being funded through current expense funds (this figure not included in the 2006 preliminary budget pending approval first)

- reviewed the increase in the Support Enforcement budget due to salary adjustments and operational costs
- reviewed the increase in the Coroner budget was primarily due to indigent burials

Permanent Minutes Signed

September 19 and 21, 2005

Correspondence Received

Minutes of Adams County Interagency Coordinating Council
Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report for New Hope Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault Services

Prosecutor Flyckt re: Establishment of Domestic Violence Penalty
Assessment Fund

Department of Ecology, Jay Manning, Director re: Petition to
Amend Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area Designation
and enclosure of amended designation order identifying Adams, Grant,
Franklin, and Lincoln counties as the planning area for the Columbia Basin
GWMA to address ground water issues related to water quality; and,
withholding of decision on request for expansion into water quantity issues

Copy of letter from Adams County Prosecutor Flyckt to Toni
Meacham, Attorney at Law re: response to concerns of her clients
regarding Hays Road Access

Adjournment @ 4:48 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman

s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-05

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SALES TAX FUND #105A TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND #105**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to transfer unbudgeted fund from the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund #105A to the Criminal Justice Fund #105 to allow for payment of a remodel estimate of the Sheriff's Office and the E-911 workplace; and,

WHEREAS, both the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund #105A and the Criminal Justice Fund #105 will be amended, as needed, to accommodate these transactions;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that seven thousand five hundred and no/100 dollars (\$7,500) be transferred from the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund #105A BARS 597.21.41.01 to the Criminal Justice Fund #105 BARS 397.21.00.00.

DATED this 3rd day of October, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board